(c) whether the bio-diesel fuel would be cheaper than the diesel presently used to run the engines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per information received from Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, that Ministry has sponsored a R&D project to Indian Institute of Techology, Delhi for production of bio-diesel from non-edible oil and field trials of diesel car with bio-diesel operation. Pungamia oil is being studied for production of bio-diesel and its effect on the performance of diesel engine.

According to Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, IIT, Delhi has been able to utilize bio-diesel produced from non-edible oil at a laboratory scale in a passenger car. No modifications in the existing diesel engine of the passenger car is required if an appropriate quality of bio-diesel is used.

(b) Bio-diesel blended with diesel can be used to run pump sets and tractors for agriculture use. IIT, Delhi in collaboration with M/s Escorts Ltd., Faridabad have demonstrated the utilization of bio-diesel with diesel in tractor engines.

(c) and (d) The cost of bio-diesel produced depends on the cost and type of non-edible vegetable oil used, plant capacity, type of technology adopted and the utilization of byproducts such as glycerine, bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides, etc. Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, has informed that it may not be appropriate to make any projections for the cost of bio-diesel produced on commercial scale on the basis of the project which is still in the research and development stage.

Description of Pre-Independence Revolutionaries

2641. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that pre-independence revolutionaires—Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru have been described as "terrorists" in a Bachelor of Arts history text book titled "Landmarks in World History (from Renaissance to 1945 AD)" printed by the Institute of Distance Education of the Mumbai University and prescribed to students for the course;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The University of Mumbai is a State University under the administrative control of the State Government of Maharashtra. As per the information furnished by the University, in response to press news, the Vice-Chancellor had appointed a one-man Committee headed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts to make an inquiry into the matter. The Director, Institute of Distance Education (IDE) has impounded the disputed text book and its sale and distribution has also been stopped. As per the suggestion of the Inquiry Committee, the objectionable sentences have been deleted and a senior academic has been appointed as a moderator to screen materials prepared and published by the IDE.

Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in A.P.

2642. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Sarvodaya Vidyalayas are established and managed by the State Governments. No centralised data on Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in the country is being maintained by this Ministry.

Ban on use of tobacco in schools

2643. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned sale of tobacco within 100m of Schools.